

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): അതുവരെ ആദിക്കിലുള്ള സാധുജനങ്ങൾക്കുയാതൊരു വൈദ്യുതസഹായവും ലഭിക്കണമെന്നു നോക്കുന്നതോ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ഗവണ്മെന്റിന് അങ്ങിനെ അഭിപ്രായമില്ല.

Auction sale of boles from the Tenmalai depot.

447. MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

- (a) the dimensions of what is called a "bole";
- (b) whether at the Tenmalai depot 31,000 boles were ready for sale this year (1107) ;
- (c) whether the Conservator invited tenders for the purchase of those wholesale ;
- (d) the names of the contractors who submitted tenders with their respective rates ;
- (e) whether Government decided not to auction boles before those already auctioned are sold away by the contractors ;
- (f) whether the Conservator gave notice to the contractor to appear before him in person at Tenmalai on the 2nd Medam 1107 ;
- (g) whether one of the contractors wired about his inability to appear before him on that day, promised to increase his rates and requested that the auction may not be conducted on that day without giving him a chance ;
- (h) whether he requested that the auction should be delayed for a day at least ;
- (i) whether the auction was confirmed in favour of the men who gave the lower rates ;
- (j) whether a number of persons protested against the wholesale auction of boles ; and
- (k) whether anybody requested that the boles may be auctioned in small quantities only ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) 16' x 6" x 4".

(b) There was a stock of about 18,000 boles at the time tenders were invited for the sale, the balance being expected to be supplied by the end of the year.

(c) Yes.

(d) A statement* furnishing the information required is laid on the table.

(e) The answer is in the negative.

(f) No.

(g) No such wire was received.

(h) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (g).

(i) The answer is in the negative.

* Vide Appendix VI—pages viii—ix.

(j) A telegram was received purporting to be from one Ratnaswami Nadar and others objecting to the disposal wholesale of boles but it was found that it was only an attempt on the part of some of the merchants to frustrate the Department from arranging for wholesale disposal and to get the boles at reduced rates in auction sales, when the Department would be driven to the necessity of selling the boles for what it would fetch to make up the budgeted revenue, as the boles being of inferior species will soon deteriorate in quality and will not fetch any value if kept long in the depot.

(k) Yes. The persons who protested against the wholesale disposal of boles.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Under part (b), I wanted to know whether at the Tenmalai Depot 31,000 boles were ready for sale in 1107?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): From the records I find that 31,000 boles were not ready for sale at the time when they were sold.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know then the number of boles ready for sale in 1107?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The exact number is not available.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether that and that alone was not my question?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Because the boles are coming to the Depot every month it was not possible to ascertain what the actual quantity available for sale will be.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether, when the answer was prepared, the sale of these boles was over or not?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It was over.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): With regard to the answer to part (j), may I know whether there is any necessity or any rule compelling the Forest Department to contribute the revenue, by sale of boles, that is budgeted as assets?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There is no hard and fast rule. But every depot is expected to work out the budgeted amount.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): It is said that the Department will be driven to the necessity of selling the boles for what they would fetch to make up the budgeted revenue. May I know from the member whether, for purposes of getting the budgeted revenue, the Department is forced by any rule to sell these boles at any cost whatsoever?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It does not mean that. If the boles are kept at the depot for a long time, naturally the price will go down. So, the principle adopted in the sale of boles is that, as soon as the boles arrived, they must be disposed of as early as possible, because the exposure to sun and rain will deteriorate them.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): That is not what is stated here.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): If the member reads a little lower down, he will find the reason also given, that the boles, being of inferior species, will soon deteriorate in quality and will not fetch any value, if they are kept long in the depot.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I understand that. But my question is whether the Department is compelled by any rule or understanding or practice to sell the boles approximate to the budgeted revenue, at any cost whatsoever under any circumstance?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Then, it is said in regard to the telegram that "it was only an attempt on the part of some of the merchants to frustrate the Department from arranging for wholesale disposal and to get the boles at reduced rates". May I know the basis of that inference?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is the experience of the Conservator. On enquiry he found that it was so.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether he has been deceived at any other time in previous years by these people?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I do not know.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the member will explain?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That information is not available with me now.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether Government will call for that information?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I do not think that there is any necessity.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know how the Conservator came to the conclusion that these people used this method to deceive the Department?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): By enquiry he came to know that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether it is the opinion of the member that if boles are sold in small quantities, it is likely to get higher prices?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It was found that the rate obtained at auction sales was going down every auction.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether there will not be more competitors if boles are sold in small quantities?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There may be competitors but experience did not show that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether in view of the economic depression and scarcity of money there will not be many people to bid if boles are sold wholesale?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Of course, boles are purchased by merchants and not by ordinary ryots and cultivators. So, the merchants will purchase if they want.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the economic depression has not affected the merchants at all?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): They have been affected.

PRESIDENT: Will you please confine yourself to the question, Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether there were only two persons to bid for this large quantity of boles at this year's auction?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Not two bidders but two sets of tenderers.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the Conservator had to reduce the rates that they undertook in their tenders when the boles were actually sold?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. The tender was for a small quantity. But the Conservator wanted to sell the whole thing and so a small reduction was made.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the method of selling boles wholesale was adopted just to realise the budgeted revenue?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Not exactly for that. To get the budgeted revenue as well as for selling the boles.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): It is said that the Conservator did not receive any wire. May I know whether he received any letter or any communication?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Information in regard to that is not available here.

Building of the V. M. school, Sastankotta.

448. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report has been received by the officers concerned that the building of the V. M. school, Sastankotta, is in a damaged condition; and

(b) if so, the nature of the action taken thereon?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) The Director of Public Instruction has forwarded to Government an estimate amounting to Rs. 2,950 for repairs and improvements to the school building and has recommended the approval of the work and its execution in 1108. The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Statement, by caste, of the Head Sirkar Vakils and their Assistants for the last 15 years.

449 **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the Head Sirkar Vakils and their Assistants for the last 15 years, showing:

Appendix VI.

Vide Answer to Question NO. 447.

Statement showing the names of contractors who submitted tenders for the auction sale of the boles at the Tennalai depot, with the respective rates.

Rates tendered by messrs. Kandaswami Nadar and Sinnamani (alias Chinnaswamy) Nadar, Tuticorin.														
Species.	For 35,000 boles.			For 25,000 boles.			Karanjili bole of 20" x 6" x 4"	Karanjili of 18' x 9" x 4"	Rates for rejected boles					
	Per bole.	Per bole.	Per bole.	Rs.	as.	ps.			Rs.	as.	ps.			
Karanjili boles.	Rs.	as.	ps.	Rs.	as.	ps.	30% over and above the price for a bole of 16' x 6" x 4"	75% over and above the price of a bole.	Rs.	as.	ps.	Rs.	as.	ps.
Kulavoo boles.	2	4	6	2	8	9	...	...	1	0	6	1	0	6
	2	0	6	2	3	9	...	...	1	0	6	1	0	6
Gnaval	2	0	6	2	3	9	...	...	1	0	6	1	0	6

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Statement showing the names of contractors who submitted tenders for the auction sale of the boles at the Tenmalai depot with the respective rates.

Rates tendered by Mr. K. A. M. A. Kaliappa Nadar.

Species.	Rates for 20,000 boles. Per bole.		Karanjili of 20' x 6" x 4"		Karanjili of 18' x 9" x 4" Per bole.		Rates for rejected boles.					
							Per bole.		Karanjili of 20' x 6" x 4"		Karanjili of 18' x 9" x 4" Per bole.	
	Rs.	as.	ps.	Rs.	as.	ps.	Rs.	as.	ps.	Rs.	as.	ps.
Karanjili boles.	2	11	3	...	...	...	4	14	0	1	0	0
				30 per cent. over and above the price for a bole of 16' x 6" x 4"						3 per cent. over and above the price for a bole.		
Kulavoo boles.	2	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gnaval	2	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...